

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended): A permeable adhesive tape comprising a substrate and an adhesive layer formed on one side of the substrate and containing the adhesive agent composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 10, comprising 50 to 90% by weight of an acrylic adhesive agent, 2.5 to 50% by weight of a polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component, and 0.1 to 10% by weight of an aliphatic acid metal salt formed from an aliphatic acid that has a hydrocarbon group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms and a mono- to tri-valence metal, the polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component containing, in addition to the polyhydric alcohol, at least one sorbitan ester compound selected from sorbitan esters and poly (oxyalkylene) sorbitan esters of aliphatic acids having a hydrocarbon group having 12 to 18 carbon atoms, in an amount of 0.5 to 20% by weight based on the total weight of the composition,

wherein the substrate comprises an air and water vapor-permeable nonwoven, woven, or knitted fabric or porous film, and the adhesive layer has a thickness of 5 to 1,000 μm;

and

the adhesive tape has as a whole, a water vapor permeability of at least 300
g/m²·day.

12-18. (canceled)

19. (new); The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, wherein the acrylic adhesive agent contains at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, an alkyl acrylate and an alkyl methacrylate, and copolymers containing at least one of the above monomer components.

20. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, wherein the polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component contains from 1 to 30% by weight of a polyhydric alcohol based on the weight of the entire composition.

21. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, wherein the polyhydric alcohol in the polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component is selected from glycerin, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, diglycerin, dipropylene glycol, 1,2,6-hexanetriol, sorbitol polyethylene glycol and pentaerythritol.

22. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, wherein the polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component contains, in addition to the polyhydric alcohol and sorbitan ester compound, at least one substance selected from aliphatic esters different from the sorbitan ester compound and polyvinylpyrrolidone.

23. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 22, wherein the content of the aliphatic ester in the polyhydric alcohol-containing liquid component is from 1 to 30% by weight based on the weight of the entire composition.

24. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 22, wherein the aliphatic ester is selected from isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, isooctyl palmitate, ethyl oleate and diethyl sebacate.

25. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, wherein the aliphatic acid having a hydrocarbon group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms in the aliphatic acid metal salt is selected from lauric acid, myristic acid, stearic acid and oleic acid, and the mono- to trivalent metal is selected from sodium, magnesium, zinc and aluminum.

26. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 11, further comprising a drug mixed with the adhesive agent composition in the adhesive layer.

27. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 26, wherein the drug is present in an amount of 0.05 to 40% weight based on the weight of the adhesive agent composition.

28. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 26, wherein the drug is selected from nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, antihypertensives, local anesthetics, antibiotics, calcium antagonists, cardiotonics, antiepileptics, hypotensive diuretics, antifungals, antiallergics, antihistaminics, anti-cancer agents, antipsychotropics, antivertigo agents, sleep

controlling agents, coronary vasodilators, hormones, hypotensors, treating agents for asthma, treating agents for nositis, hypoglycemics and antiulcer agents.

29. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to claim 26, wherein the substrate permits no transmission or diffusion of the drug.

30. (new): The permeable adhesive tape according to any one of claims 11 and 19 to 29, wherein the substrate comprises at least one member selected from polyethylene-based, polypropylene-based, polyester-based, polyamide-based, polytetrafluoroethylene-based, polyvinyl chloride-based and polyurethane-based polymers.